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Serial No.: 10/553,188  
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Title: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PIPE SLEEVES FROM MINERAL WOOL**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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- 2) Copy of the Official Filing Receipt with corrections marked in Red.

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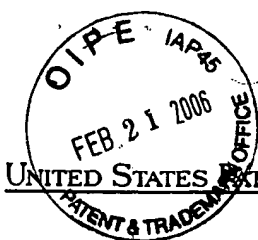
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## Title

Process for producing pipe sleeves from mineral wool

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